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1. FOLLOWING LETTER FROM J.B.G. FIEDLER OF COLT INDUSTRIES TO DOD DATED JANUARY 13, 1975, REPORTS PRESENT STATUS OF COLT-GOS RELATIONS AS THEY RELATE TO PROPOSED GOS SALE OF M-16 RIFLES TO THAILAND.

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REFERENCE THE REQUEST BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE FOR PERMISSION TO PURSUE A POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO SELL 30,000 M16A1 RIFLES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND, I DISCUSSED THIS PROPOSED SALE WITH MR. ONG KAH KOH, CHAIRMAN OF SHENG LI TRADING CO. IN SINGAPORE IN DECEMBER 16 AND 17.

SHENG LI TRADING IS A WHOLLY OWNED GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE EXPORT CORPORATION AND ALSO CONTROLS THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE M16 MANUFACTURING PLANT, CHARTERED INDUSTRIES OF SINGAPORE.

AS I TOLD YOU PRIOR TO MY TRIP, COLT HAS A SERIOUS COMMERCIAL PROBLEM WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE AT THIS TIME. OUTSTANDING ROYALTIES AMOUNTING TO NEARLY 400,000 DOLS,

ARE OVER ONE YEAR PAST DUE TO US. ADDITIONALLY WE HAVE NOT BEEN SUPPLIED WITH SINGAPORE PRODUCTION RECORDS FOR 15 MONTHS. WHILE MR. ONG AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO PAY THESE ROYALTIES AND SEND THE PRODUCTION REPORTS, WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED EITHER THE PAYMENT OR THE REPORTS. UNTIL SUCH TIME AS COLT RECEIVES FULL PAYMENT FOR PAST DUE ROYALTIES, WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT SANCTION ANY SALE BY SINGAPORE TO THAILAND.

I AM IN TOUCH WITH MR. ONG CONTINUOUSLY, ATTEMPTING TO SOLVE OUR ROYALTY PROBLEM AND HOPE THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO WORK WITH SINGAPORE TOWARD A PENETRATION OF THE THAI MARKET IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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